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Application to Renew TAPS Right-of-Way Filed

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) have received applications to renew the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) right-of-way authorizations. The Federal-State Renewal Team will initially review the applications for sufficiency. This review could take up to 90 days.

The ADNR and BLM entered into right-of-way authorizations with the owners of the TAPS for 30 years. The Federal Agreement and Grant and the State Lease of Right-of-Way expire in 2004.

The TAPS renewal processes will include a review of compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations and the terms of the State lease and Federal grant by their holders. Formal notice of these applications as well as other required notices will be in accordance with the appropriate statutory and regulatory requirements. Additionally, general information, public participation announcements, and updates will be available on the Federal-State TAPS Renewal web site: <http://www.tapsrenewal.jpo.doi.gov>.

The Federal government will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act. Scoping and public meetings will be conducted later this year.

The BLM and ADNR are the lead agencies in the Joint Pipeline Office (JPO), a consortium of seven State of Alaska and six Federal agencies that oversee the TAPS. Additional information is available at the JPO web site <http://corecom.net/JPO>.

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